

MINUTES OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE
March 25, 1998

Welcome and Admin. Remarks

The format of the meeting was discussed and the minutes of the last Area Committee meeting were reviewed for errors. LT Larry Kirsch was introduced as the State co-chair of the Committee.

1998 ACP News

Pete Gautier discussed change 1 to the 1998 ACP which incorporates corrections to text errors, adjustments to occasional page formatting and other minor adjustments. Because of the repetitive nature of some of these corrections, the change 1 document is 500 pages long and is in the process of being printed. The Coast Guard will distribute copies of this both to those who received the plan from the Coast Guard and to those who bought a copy from Ku~ko's. Lingo has a copy of change 1 and will distribute it to those who buy a copy of the ACP in the future.

Subcommittee Briefings:

1. **SISRS/Strategy Testing.** Carl Jochums reported the outcome of the subcommittee's February 11th meeting which addressed the concern regarding the process of incorporating new sensitive sites and revised strategies in the 1998 ACP without full consideration of the entire Area Committee. The subcommittee identified a process for incorporating new sensitive sites (enclosed) which provides ample opportunity for Area Committee oversight and, as a result of their discussions, encouraged other subcommittees if they have not already to establish procedures for incorporating needed changes into the ACP. The subcommittee as a part of its future work plan will address the need for incorporating natural collection points for oil into GRPs to further enhance the usefulness of the ACP in response and will work to bring existing site strategies up to a common high level of quality. Because of the common membership of the SISRS and GRP subcommittees and the close relationship that their work entails, it was decided to combine these subcommittees into a single subcommittee under the leadership of Carl Jochums and Jim Hardwick. Anyone who knows of strategies which have been tested, please contact Carl. This subcommittee will meet again April 21 at 0930 at Clean Bay of fices.

2. **Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned** - Terry Joslin reported the outcome of the subcommittee's March 8th meeting which reviewed and collected lessons learned from recent spills. He also reported on a visit to the Marine Safety Office from Capt Jensen (USCG ret.) who has been contracted by USCG Headquarters to review the spill planning, response and lessons learned process. Capt. Jensen's report from Headquarters was that the San Francisco Bay and Delta Subcommittee is a national model of how the area committee process should work.

3. **Local Resources.** Steve Ricks, Clear. Bay, reported that the subcommittee met to review the ACP's resource listing. It will take a lot of work to make the way resources are communicated in the ACP more user friendly and up-to-date. Having points of contact who the subcommittee could call on to keep listings up to date would help keep listings current. The subcommittee will examine ways of better communicating local resource information in the ACP and will propose a format to the committee with the objective of updating the local resource information this summer or fall for the inclusion in the next revised ACP. The subcommittee will meet again April 30 at 0930 at Clean Bay of fices.

4. **Volunteers.** Joan Lundstrom, CCC, reported that subcommittee has had good participation in its work to review the state guidance manual and forms, to publish information (signs, etc.) for volunteer help, and to establish a database of volunteer skills. Also, it has looked into state requirements as far as who is authorized to help during spills and has conducted tabletop exercises to prepare for responses. The subcommittee would like to have a program where points of contact are identified by area (e.g. county) to contact to coordinate between local emergency services and volunteer agencies and will be writing a grant proposal to obtain funding.

5. **Hazmat. CWO** Ken Jackson reported that we are still looking for industry to host a Hazmat related PREP exercise this calendar year in the Bay area. Conducting an exercise with Hazmat will help Coast Guard

Headquarters evaluate planned regulations requiring industry to conduct Hazmat PREP exercises, and will earn the company PREP credit by the State of California.

6. Wildlife Operations. This is a newly established subcommittee which formed as a result of the several large scale wildlife recovery and rehabilitation responses that the area saw this Fall and Winter. It is led by John Tarpley, California OSPR, and has met to discuss improving and formalizing the command and control of wildlife operations.

Reports from other Area Committees

LT Kent Bauer and CWO Ken Jackson gave an update on the activities of the North Coast and Central Coast Area Committees. LT Bauer also gave a slide presentation on the two Point Reyes wildlife response operations conducted in November and January.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM, Thursday, May 7 in the Dexter room, Building 18, on Coast Guard Island. Building 18 is next to the Marine Safety Office (Building 14) towards the Coast Guard cutter mooring pier. Directions are enclosed.